

Application No 10/729,076
Amendment dated SEPTEMBER 15, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated August 23, 2006

R E M A R K S

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 23, 2006. The Office Action stated that two distinct inventions, 3 species, and 4 subspecies had been identified. Election of species was requested. Applicant elects Invention I, corresponding to claims 1-40 and 44 without traverse. In response to the Species election, Applicant elects Species I corresponding to Figs 1-3 and Sub-species b corresponding to Fig. 5. Claims 1-8, 10-15, 19-21, 24-29, 33, 34, 38-40, and 44 read on the elected species. The Listing of Claims reflects withdrawal from current consideration of non-elected claims 9, 16-18, 22, 23, 30-32 and 35-37, and cancellation of claims 41-43 which the Examiner indicates were directed to a distinct invention. Applicants respectfully submit that at least independent claims 1, 10, 24, 39, 40 and 44 are generic.

Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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